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SUBJ: TRADE REPORTED UP AMONG ARAB COMMON MARKET STATES

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1. COUNCIL OF ARAB ECONOMIC UNITY MARKED ITS TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY AUGUST 13 WITH ANNOUNCEMENT BY SECGEN DR. ABDEL AAL EL SAQBAN, REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS, THAT TRADE BETWEEN ARAB MEMBER STATES INCREASED TO LEVEL OF \$298.7 MILLION IN 1975 FROM \$94 MILLION TEN YEARS BEFORE. HE NOTED RISE IN MEMBERSHIP FROM FIVE TO THIRTEEN COUNTRIES, SAID COUNCIL HAS PLANS TO FREE TRADE TRANSACTIONS FROM RED TAPE AND TO COORDINATE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN MEMBER STATES, AND EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT BY END OF 1978 FIRST PHASE IN ESTABLISHING ARAB CUSTOMS UNION WILL BE COMPLETED.

2. COMMENT: SEE REFS FOR INFORMATION ON COUNCIL, A SPECIALIZED AGENCY OF ARAB LEAGUE CONCERNED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF ARAB ECONOMIC UNITY AGREEMENT ADOPTED 1957. MOST RECENT ACTIVITY OF COUNCIL WHICH HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION WAS CO-SPONSORSHIP IN JANUARY 1976 OF LONG-RANGE PLANNING AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION SEMINAR HELD
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